

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSH GOTTHEIMER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Madam Speaker, on Roll Call No. 282 On Agreeing to the Amendment, I am not recorded because I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 282.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JODEY C. ARRINGTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mr. ARRINGTON. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I was unable to be present for one of last week's votes. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 280.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RICHARD "RICK" COSYNS

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Richard "Rick" Cosyns. Rick passed away on September 7, 2021 on a hunting trip, doing what he loved. Rick was a husband, father, son, and friend.

Rick was the son of Albert and Margaret Cosyns. He grew up on a family farm in Madera, California where he attended St. Joachim's school and Madera High School. In his youth, he was involved in various 4-H projects and loved all kinds of physical activity including football, and continued to enjoy skiing, competitive shooting, traveling, and hunting as much as he could throughout his life.

For college, Rick studied at California State University, Fresno where he received a degree in Plant Science. After graduating from Fresno State, he became very involved in the Plant Science industry and helped run his family farm with his brother, Allen. Rick has been a general partner in Cosyns Farms since 1977 and has had involvement in pistachios, alfalfa, almonds, and 12 varieties of wine grapes. He also operated a honeybee pollination service and consulted on farm management services.

In his spare time, he enjoyed spending time with his beloved wife Lynne and many friends. He enjoyed the outdoors and spending time in the orchards, vineyards and foothill ranch. He was the life of the party at any event he attended. Rick and his adored family and friends spent much of their time outdoors while camping, hunting, and fishing, but he also found great enjoyment in the small comforts of life such as a good glass of wine.

Not only was Rick a dedicated family man and husband for over 30 years, but he was always committed to the community of the Central Valley. He served as a director on the Madera Irrigation District, as a member of the Madera Planning Commission, as well as various other community organizations. In addition to his civil contributions, he also served as a supportive parish member of St. Joaquim's Catholic Church in Madera. Annually, Rick would help me at the fair, and he always made time to help his community.

Rick is survived by his wife Lynne; son Will; daughter Maggie; his sister Linda, and her husband Carlos Reynoso; his brother Allen, and his wife Susan Cosyns, and his large extended family.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Richard "Rick" Cosyns. His service and contributions to the Central Valley and the State of California will be missed. I join his family and friends in celebrating Rick's life.

HONORING THE 75TH SEASON OF THE GENESEE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

HON. CHRIS JACOBS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mr. JACOBS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Genesee Symphony Orchestra on its 75th consecutive season.

One of the oldest civic orchestras in New York State, the Genesee Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1947 as the Batavia Civic Orchestra, with a mission to enrich the local community with high-quality performances, educational opportunities, and guest artists. Under the leadership of its three founders, Mr. Norman Hall, Mr. Hugh Lawing, and Dr. Biagio Mansuetto, the orchestra performed its first concert at the Dipson Theatre in Batavia, New York on November 6, 1947. Under the direction of conductor Jan Wolanek, the concert was played to a sell-out crowd of 1,400 people. As the orchestra became more popular and its influence grew beyond the city of Batavia, in 1958 its management changed the orchestra's name to the Genesee Symphony Orchestra.

The Genesee Symphony Orchestra has been an important institution within the surrounding community since its founding, including in recent years. In addition to its annual concerts, the Genesee Symphony Orchestra holds an annual "Young Artists Competition," allowing high school students to compete for the opportunity to perform with the orchestra. The orchestra also holds an annual "Meet the Orchestra" event and a "String Workshop."

The Genesee Symphony Orchestra is proud to have hosted a wide array of talented individuals during its 75-year history, including fifteen renowned conductors and hundreds of

musicians. The orchestra has welcomed musical talent ranging from world-class artists and composers, to more locally known soloists.

I thank all musicians, conductors, and members of the Board of Directors for their unwavering commitment to bringing arts, culture, and entertainment to Western New York, and I again congratulate the orchestra on its 75th anniversary.

COMMEMORATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRESCOTT CHAPTER OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my appreciation to the Prescott Chapter of the Arizona Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and to commemorate the chapter's 25th Anniversary.

Originally founded in 1997, the Prescott Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution have consistently honored the memory of our forefathers for over two decades. I deeply admire the chapter's unwavering commitment to our constitutional republic, our nation's rich history, and our deep-rooted founding principles.

On the 25th Anniversary of the chapter's formation, we have gathered to celebrate and recognize the chapter's civic-minded mission and achievements. I commend the previous and current members of the Prescott Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution for their achievements and continued impact on the Prescott community.

HONORING JACK HAMLIN'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to wish Jack Hamlin, a lifetime resident of Springfield, MO, on his upcoming 100th Birthday.

Born October 15, 1921, Jack has seen his fair share of excitement. He was recruited to play minor league baseball for the New York Yankees when WWII broke out in Europe. As many young American men did, Jack enlisted in the military. At first attempting to join the Naval Air Corps, Jack was disqualified for having an enlarged heart, so he joined the Coast Guard. His service brought him to Normandy, France on June 6, 1944 as part of the D-Day invasion. Jack and his unit were tasked with rescuing survivors in the water during the invasion. Amid the German counter assault, Jack and his unit saved 70 men from the

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water and brought them to a hospital ship. Jack also took part in the rescue of crewmembers from the SS *Leopoldville* on Christmas Eve 1944. On June 6, 1944 at Omaha Beach, Jack was the only one that shot down a German Focke-Wulf Fw 190. For his actions that day Jack was awarded the French Legion of Honor, their highest medal for Allied troops.

After the war, Jack returned to Springfield and enrolled at the University of Missouri. He went on to run a successful insurance business in Springfield, and even served one term in the Missouri House of Representatives from 1951 to 1952. He continued to play baseball for the Springfield Generals, which led to him meeting his wife of nearly 60 years. Throughout all of this, Jack has always supported and served his local community.

Madam Speaker, Jack Hamlin has lived a life of service to his community and his country, I wish him a happy 100th Birthday, and many more to come.

SEPTEMBER VETERAN OF THE MONTH

HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the First District of Oklahoma's September Veteran of the Month, Michael Coon.

Michael Coon served our country in the United States Army as a paratrooper. Coon comes from a family that takes pride in their Military service to the United States; both his father and his son faithfully served our country. This family's heart to help and protect others is commendable. Michael Coon continues to help and protect members of our veteran community.

Michael goes above and beyond to advocate for his fellow veterans. He is involved with Mission 22, a non-profit organization that support veterans suffering from PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injury, suicide risk, and other challenges. Michael lost his own son to suicide after his service. Michael continues to raise awareness of veteran suicide and help others struggling. A silhouette of Michael's son will be included in "The War at Home Memorial" currently being built in Broken Arrow. This memorial will help bring awareness to the 22 veterans that are lost to suicide every day.

Michael is a veteran, advocate, and a father. He answered the call to defend freedom and continues to serve others in our community. It is my honor to recognize Michael Coon as the 1st Congressional District of Oklahoma's September Veteran of the Month.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM OTIS FITCH

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Mr. William Otis Fitch who passed away on September 22, 2021. My thoughts and deepest condolences are with his family, friends, and loved ones.

Mr. Fitch was born on August 1, 1933. He was raised in Holly Springs, Mississippi and graduated from Holly Springs High School in 1951. Bill was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting and riding horses. After graduating high school, he enlisted with the U.S. Navy and joined the flight team. With this team he made lifelong friendships and considered it an honor to serve his country.

After his Naval service, Bill began his career in consumer finance and lending. He joined City Finance Corporation in Memphis as the Vice President. In 1974 Bill and his wife, Clydean, opened their own consumer lending company, First National Loans. He expanded the company throughout Tennessee. He sold the company and opened a new chain of consumer finance companies, Fidelity Loan Company. Over the course of his career he served as President and board member of the Mississippi Consumer Finance Association and Memphis Consumer Credit. He was a lifetime member of the shriners.

Preceding him in death are his wife, Clydean; mother, Lurline; father, Theodore; and brothers Robert, James, and Jerry. Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Aleita; daughters Lynn and Lisa; six loving grandchildren, and three great-grandsons.

I am grateful for Mr. Fitch's service and join countless others in mourning his loss.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN R. LAWSON

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of John Robert Lawson. John passed away peacefully and surrounded by his friends and family on August 24, 2021. John was a father, son, grandfather, and friend.

John was the son of Jess and Jane (Lawson) Smith. He went to school in Fresno, California at Heaton Elementary, St. Joseph Military Academy, and Fresno High School. He came from humble beginnings and left his home at 13 years old. John worked throughout school by mowing lawns, delivering newspapers like the San Francisco Chronicle and Los Angeles Times, and worked at a gas station.

After high school, John enlisted in the Army, and after returning from his discharge, he began growing his trucking company known as Lawson Rock & Oil. In order to start his business, he saved 30 percent of everything he made so that he could purchase a truck. From there, he was able to grow his company and it is now made up of hundreds of trucks and employees. His story is the perfect example of a self-made businessman and an inspiration to all who hear it.

As a family man and business owner, John never failed to give back to his community. John would speak on the importance of a high school diploma. He received his 60 years later and would tell high school students to always take advantage of the opportunities around them. His efforts included serving on the California Transportation Commission, appointed by Gov. Gray Davis. He also served on the Fresno County Planning Commission. In addition

to these contributions, John helped sponsor The Lawson Beneto Classic golf tournament that focused on benefitting children with Autism. Along with many other charitable community donations, he helped fundraiser for Terry's House at Community Regional Medical Center.

In his free time, John enjoyed racing, riding motorcycles, and collecting and restoring hot rods. He enjoyed restoring hot rods and restoring cars so much, he would share that passion with his friends. His love for cars took him all over the United States and Canada by attending different car shows. He collaborated with driver, Billy Boat in the 1990's and they set records for main event victories like the 1997 Chili Bowl nationals. Throughout this time, he had one of the largest collections of 1932 Fords.

John was survived by his loving wife Gina Lawson; his son JR and wife Suzanne, son Jonathan and wife Ashley, son Christopher Parrino; and daughter Patty Lawson. He had many grandchildren, his sister Terri Rea, and husband Scott, and friends missing him.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of John Robert Lawson. His service and contributions to the Central Valley and the State of California will be missed. I join his family and friends in celebrating John's life.

CSA LINCOLN ELEMENTARY 2021 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Columbus Signature Academy's Lincoln Elementary School on being named a National Blue Ribbon School for 2021.

Known for its high academic success and loved for the family environment that both students and parents receive when they join this close-knit community—CSA Lincoln Elementary School is a vital foundation of our Columbus community.

CSA's Lincoln Elementary is recognized by the United States Department of Education for its overall academic excellence for their progress in closing achievement gaps among student groups, demonstrating that all students can achieve to high levels.

Congratulations to Principal Brett Findley, students, teachers, parents, and faculty who have been an integral part of securing this fine honor.

IN SUPPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY MENTOR-PROTEGE PROGRAM ACT OF 2021 AND THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, small businesses play a crucial role in our national security and it is imperative that we do everything in our power to strengthen their ability to

compete for government contracts. That is why I introduced the Department of Homeland Security Mentor-Protégé Program Act of 2021, which authorizes a business mentor-protégé program within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). This bill pursues two critical goals: strengthening and helping small businesses, the backbone of our economy, and bolstering DHS, which has the critical responsibility to keep Americans safe. The legislation will give a hand up to minority-, woman-, and veteran-owned small businesses, making them more competitive for DHS contracts, and therefore, more likely to be successful, offering jobs and returning dollars to their communities. This pandemic has only reinforced the significant role that small businesses play. A broader, more diverse pool of DHS contractors saves taxpayer dollars, creates a stronger economy and most critically, helps keep our country safe. The Department of Homeland Security Mentor-Protégé Program Act of 2021 has been included in the House version of the FY 2022 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) as an amendment and I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure that this vital piece of legislation remains in the final NDAA.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF
MAYOR HARVEY C. SKOOG

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Prescott Valley Mayor Harvey C. Skoog. Harvey selflessly served his community as Prescott Valley Mayor for a total of 19 years, excluding the additional years he spent serving as a council member and vice mayor. Harvey maintained a consistent leading record in his local community through his involvement with the Arizona Society of Practicing Accountants, Arizona Association of Enrolled Agents, Good Samaritan Nursing Home, Chamber of Commerce, League of Cities and Towns, Northern Arizona Council of Governments, and Central Arizona Senior Association, to name a few. Harvey's accomplishments are widely recognized in the state as he was honored as a co-recipient of the 2015 Prescott Area Leadership Man of the Year award. He was also passionate about expanding home ownership, religious freedom, and educational opportunities for the youth.

However, Harvey's contributions reach further than his professional, service, and leadership roles. After marrying Edna in 1960, Harvey raised 9 successful children who have raised 59 grandchildren and 63 great grandchildren. Madam Speaker, I wish to offer my deepest condolences to Harvey's entire family. His contributions will never be forgotten by the state of Arizona or the people of Prescott Valley.

HONORING DR. EMILY VOLK,
PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE OF
AMERICAN PATHOLOGISTS

HON. TREY HOLLINGSWORTH

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mr. HOLLINGSWORTH. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor and recognize Dr. Emily Volk, Chief Medical Officer at Baptist Health Floyd, for being sworn in as President of the College of American Pathologists this past Saturday.

Dr. Volk has dedicated over 25 years of her life to working in the health care system and serving patients. Her outstanding record of clinical practice and operational leadership led her to the position she now holds with the College of American Pathologists, and she will no doubt exude the utmost competence while holding the position.

Throughout her career, Dr. Volk has championed physician and patient advocacy. I can personally attest to Dr. Volk's passion for advocacy during our interactions both at Baptist Health Floyd and with the College of American Pathologists.

I have full confidence that Dr. Volk will carry this new title with pride and lead by exceptional example. I wish her the best of luck in this new role.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF VICKY
RUSSELL

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Vicky Russell who passed away September 19 at North Mississippi Medical Center. She was 61 years old.

Vicky was born on May 20, 1960 to Raymond and Donna Gaines Yeager. She has lived all her life in Saltillo. She attended Saltillo schools and managed the B-Quick. For 13 years she worked at Hunter Sadler Mfg. before pursuing a career as a law enforcement officer. She served under Lee County Sheriff Harold Ray Presley and the Sheriff Larry Presley. 15 years ago she joined the Itawamba County Sheriff's Department. She had risen to the rank of Major and served as a Jail Administrator.

Left to cherish her memory are her beloved daughter, Jessica; grandchildren, Carson, Maisy, Delaney and Dylan; mother, Donna; sister, Patty; and countless friends, colleagues, and loved ones.

I join the Saltillo community in mourning the loss of an outstanding woman and member of the law enforcement community.

HONORING 13 FALLEN SOLDIERS

HON. ANN KIRKPATRICK

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize 13 United

States service members who sacrificed their lives in defense of our country during the United States evacuation from Afghanistan. In the final days of the evacuation, the U.S. and our allies evacuated more than 120,000 people to safety—the largest airlift in our history. On Thursday, August 26, 2021, 13 heroes lost their lives in service of this mission outside the Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring these brave individuals: Sergeant Johnny Rosario Pichardo, Sergeant Nicole L. Gee, Staff Sergeant Darin T. Hoover, Corporal Hunter Lopez, Corporal Daegan W. Page, Corporal Humberto A. Sanchez, Lance Corporal David L. Espinoza, Lance Corporal Jared M. Schmitz, Lance Corporal Rylee J. McCollum, Lance Corporal Dylan R. Merola, Lance Corporal Kareem M. Nikoui, Navy Corpsman Maxton W. Soviak, and Staff Sergeant Ryan C. Knauss. We are grateful for their service.

HONORING ERIC JAY LARSON

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Congressman MIKE THOMPSON, in celebration of the life of Eric Jay Larson, who passed away at the age of 56 on August 17, 2021. Eric was a stalwart environmental scientist and advocate who worked for years with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and other state agencies to conserve vital and sensitive natural habitats on the Northern California coast.

Eric was born in San Francisco on March 17, 1965. He graduated from Redwood High School and attended college in Minnesota and California. Eric worked for the California Coastal Commission and the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission managing and regulating sediment in the estuary. As Environmental Program Manager for the State of California Natural Resources Agency, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Eric protected and restored wetlands, riparian corridors, marine preserves, coastlines and opens spaces. He also worked to acquire wildlife green belts and managed fisheries. He was nationally recognized by Vice President Al Gore for the best managed fishery in the United States. This expertise allowed him to advise Southeast Asian governments on river and wetland restoration efforts.

Eric was a founding member of the Peace in Medicine cannabis dispensary—the first non-profit and permitted dispensary in Sebastopol. Along with his partner of 30 years, Mitcho Thompson, Eric owned a small certified medicinal herb farm in Sebastopol.

Eric was respected by many and known for his "hands on" approach to science and enjoyment for educating others. His dedication and passion has left the region, state and world with long lasting benefits and he will be sorely missed by his colleagues, friend and family. Madam Speaker, we respectfully ask that you join us in extending condolences to Eric's family and many friends and in expressing our deep appreciation for his decades of contributions to the environment.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK COLLEGE AT GENESEO

HON. CHRIS JACOBS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mr. JACOBS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the State University of New York College at Geneseo on its 150th anniversary.

Founded in 1871, SUNY Geneseo is a liberal arts college located in the historic Village of Geneseo, New York. SUNY Geneseo has a rich history, and I am honored to represent it in Congress.

On September 13, 1871, the Geneseo Normal and Training School opened its doors with 71 certificate-seeking students. The following year, the first commencement was held with a graduating class of ten students. Later renamed SUNY Geneseo, today the school has more than 4,000 students, fifty undergraduate degree programs, and twenty-six interdisciplinary minors. SUNY Geneseo has grown exponentially over its 150-year history, while maintaining its strong commitment to quality education.

Despite the challenges of the past year, SUNY Geneseo has continued to deliver a high-quality education. This success is demonstrated by SUNY Geneseo's designation as a "Top Producer of U.S. Student Fulbright Awards," as well as the university's U.S. News and World Report ranking of third for "Top Public Regional Universities" in the Northern United States. Each of these designations reflect the hard work of the students and faculty at SUNY Geneseo, who have grown the school into an outstanding institution over the past 150 years.

SUNY Geneseo is known not only for its academics, but also for its history and traditions. An iconic feature of Geneseo is the Seuss Spruce found in the Sturges Quad. The tree's shape resembles a Dr. Seuss illustration, likely developing its shape from an ice storm. The Sturges Quad also holds the "Greek tree," a tree painted by students from different Greek organizations during the night. This tradition began in the 1960s, yet thousands of layers of paint later, the tree grows taller each year. Geneseo is also known for its remarkable sunsets, especially those that can be seen from the campus Gazebo overlooking the Genesee Valley.

I thank SUNY Geneseo for its commitment to preserving and promoting 150 years of education, and I again congratulate Geneseo on its 150th anniversary.

TRINIDAD "TRINI" GARZA EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Trini Garza Early College High School for becoming a 2021 National Blue Ribbon Awardee.

Trini Garza Early College High School is a public school located in the southwest quad-

rant of the Dallas Independent School District, the second largest urban school district in Texas. The school opened in 2006 and works in collaboration with Mountain View College to provide a partnership that ensures the goal of college success is attained. Garza ECHS students attend both high school and on-site college classes in order to graduate with their high school diploma and associate degree. Most of the students are the first in their family to attend college in an area where about only 10 percent of the population has a college degree.

The high school's namesake is well-known Dallas civic leader and businessman, Trinidad "Trini" Garza. Mr. Garza is known as an advocate for progress for the Hispanic community as early as 1969 when he helped organize the city's first Mexican American Leadership Conference. Mr. Garza has also been a strong advocate and supporter of education. Elected as the first Hispanic member of the board of trustees in 1969, Mr. Garza was then appointed Deputy Regional Director of the U.S. Department of Education in President Clinton's Administration. Throughout his life, Mr. Garza has served his community through involvement in numerous civic organizations. In 2010, the Early College High School at Mountain View College was named after Mr. Garza.

Every year, the U.S. Department of Education recognizes hundreds of public and private schools across the country for their commitment to educational excellence and their ability to overcome outstanding odds to properly educate their students. These schools receive the National Blue Ribbon of Distinction, an award reserved for schools that boast students who meet and maintain high educational goals. The Blue Ribbon Award celebrates the idea that all students, regardless of background, ability or location, deserve an excellent education.

The culture of Trini Garza Early College High School provides a place where students, parents, and faculty become life-long learners. There is no punishment for taking risks, no systemic anxiety about failure. Students are encouraged to advocate for their own learning, and teachers tailor student experiences based on individualized needs so that all are successful in whatever endeavor they choose.

Trini Garza Early College High School's commitment to excellence has exceeded expectations on the state accountability systems attaining ALL seven distinctions listed in Academic Achievement: Reading/Language Arts; Mathematics; Science; Social Studies; Top 25 percent Student Progress; Top 25 percent Closing Performance Gaps; and Post-secondary Readiness. The philosophy "All Children Can Learn" is ingrained in every aspect of this school. It is an honor to celebrate them for this historic achievement and their lifelong impact on the Dallas community.

PASTOR TOMMY SMITH

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Tommy Smith, the Pastor of the First Church of God in Christ in Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Pastor Smith has been in ministry at

the same location for over fifty years. He began his ministry as a musician for the church before progressing to a Sunday school teacher and assistant pastor. Pastor Smith is now the District Superintendent of Congregation in Sulphur Springs, Bonham, Commerce, Talco, and Mt. Pleasant areas. He is also the Chief Financial Officer of the Texas Northeast 3rd Jurisdiction of Churches of God in Christ.

In 2020, Dr. Smith received his Doctor of Theology from Newburgh Theological Institute after battling with cancer. He also attended advanced courses from the Dallas Theological Seminary. In addition, Pastor Smith worked for the Marketplace Ministries in Mt. Pleasant as a chaplain, Titus Regional Medical Center as chaplain, and Mt. Pleasant Police Department as a ride along chaplain. He continues to set excellent examples to others in ministry as a Dean of Ordination for newly licensed ministers in the Great State of Texas. Pastor Smith loves the Lord and will continue this ministry until the Lord calls; "Well done thy good and faithful servant."

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize Pastor Smith's devotion to God, Country, and his congregation. Furthermore, Madam Speaker, I extend my personal commendations to Pastor Smith for all he has done in service of the 4th Congressional District of Texas.

HONORING MRS. SALLY TANNER

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today with Congressman MIKE THOMPSON to honor Mrs. Sally Tanner in celebration of her extraordinary life and commitment to serving her community.

Marcella "Sally" Tanner was born in East Chicago, Indiana, the youngest of eight children born to Anton and Mary Zinski. She spent her childhood in Indiana, where she became politically engaged and active in her community. It was during this time that she planned her first political demonstration. After Sally graduated high school, she moved with her parents to Southern California, where she attended Pasadena Community College and the Art Center School of Design in Los Angeles. Shortly after finishing school, World War II began, and Sally decided to become a riveter to serve her country. After the war, Sally had her two sons, Christopher and Timothy, and began working as an administrative assistant for Assemblyman Harvey Johnson. Upon Assemblyman Johnson's retirement in 1979, she decided to run for his seat in the California State Assembly. She won the race and served as the Assemblywoman of CA-60 for 14 years.

It is evident through Sally's impactful career that she truly touched the lives of all those who knew her. Some of her many achievements in the California Assembly include becoming the first Chair for the Clean Air Clean Water committee, the Toxic Waste committee, and establishing the California Consumers Board. She wrote many influential bills, including the Lemon Law, which has helped thousands of California consumers of failing vehicles seek retribution. Sally was a fierce advocate for women and marginalized communities

and was a founder of the California Legislative Women's Caucus in 1985. That same year, she was appointed to Governor Deukmejian's waste, energy, and technology task force, where she was instrumental in composing a state waste management plan. Later in her career, Sally met Whittier's Superior Court Judge Patricia Hofstetter, who became her life partner. As a testament to her extensive service, Sally was named the First Assembly District's Woman of the Year. In addition, she has had one park and two streets named in her honor.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt that Sally Tanner is truly an exemplary civil servant. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RANDY PARAGARY

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Randy Paragary. Randy passed away surrounded by his loving family on August 14, 2021 after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. Randy was a husband, father, son, and friend to many.

After graduating from C.K. McClatchy High School, he attended California State University, Sacramento and the McGeorge School of Law. Randy received his degree in law, but he decided to put his dedication into his career to entrepreneurship. The risk paid off. At the young age of 23, he opened his first bar called the ParaPow Palace in 1969. He started his growth with food, nightlife, and restaurants. The Paragary Restaurant Group owned and operated establishments in Sacramento, California such as Centro Cocina Mexicana, R15, Café Bernardo, and Paragary's Midtown. One of his recent joys was the Fort Sutter Hotel in 2020.

Randy was a family man who dearly loved his children Lisa and Sam, but he was also a hardworking businessman. He worked alongside his wonderful wife, Stacy for nearly the entire 28 years they were married. His personality was witty yet collected. He never failed to make himself and others laugh in social settings. A mentor to many, his leadership, decision-making skills, and creative mind was admired by many. A family man, he and his now 93-year-old mother and daughter would have Sunday brunch together every week up until his passing.

His delightful personality was part of what made him so successful in life, as he was always curious about others, and jumped at any opportunity to get to know a new guest at his restaurant. His business ventures were inspiring to the entire community of Sacramento, and he truly left a mark on the restaurant scene there.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Randy Paragary. His service and contributions to the State of California will not be forgotten and he will be missed. I join his family and friends in celebrating Randy's life.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF ANDREW CARTER

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of Mr. Andrew Carter who recently celebrated his 100th birthday. He is a member of the greatest generation, and I am very proud to have men like Mr. Carter representing the state of Mississippi.

Mr. Carter is a native of Tippah county. He joined the U.S. Navy on May 17, 1944. He loves to tell stories of his time aboard the SS *Felipe De Nerve*, a French liner used to transport troops and supplies during heavy fighting. He survived and returned home to Mississippi. In December of 1946, Mr. Carter married Naomi Street. The couple had six children together.

Mr. Carter currently resides in Ripley. He enjoys trips to the local coffee shop to spend time with his friends, mowing the lawn, and exercising. He is a natural storyteller and has no shortage of experience.

I am so thankful for Mr. Carter's lifetime of service to this country and the state of Mississippi. I wish him many more years of good health and happiness.

HONORING GEORGE KOSTYLOV

HON. ANN KIRKPATRICK

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. KIRKPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize George Kostylov, the Principal of Kiev School No. 155 for his partnership with Phineas Anderson, head of Green Fields Country Day School in Tucson, Arizona. Mr. Kostylov and Mr. Anderson started the first exchange program of sixth through twelfth-grade students between Green Fields Country Day School and the Kiev School No. 155 in 1988. Through this exchange program, Mr. Kostylov helped to better relationships between the United States and the Soviet Union during the presidencies of Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev. Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebrating Mr. Kostylov's leadership to further world peace between our two nations through an influential student exchange program.

IN RECOGNITION OF INTERNATIONAL PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of patients across the United States and around the world who rely upon medicines made from donated plasma. October 4–8 is International Plasma Awareness Week (IPAW) and this year, 2021, has seen a continuation of the urgent need for more plasma

donations during this difficult pandemic so that patients with rare diseases can be assured of receiving their treatments. This week, patients, plasma donors, and plasma collection centers will join together to observe IPAW via a range of events seeking to raise global awareness of the crucial need for plasma to create life-saving therapies, recognize that plasma donors contribute greatly in saving and improving lives, and increase understanding of the many rare diseases and plasma protein therapies that help to treat them.

Plasma-derived therapies and recombinant blood clotting factors, collectively known as plasma protein therapies, are unique, biologic medicines that are either infused or injected to treat a variety of rare, life-threatening, chronic, and genetic diseases including bleeding disorders, hereditary angioedema, immune deficiencies, pulmonary disorders, neurological disorders, and infectious diseases such as tetanus, hepatitis, and rabies. Nearly 125,000 people in the U.S. who live with these rare diseases, as well as countless others facing trauma and emergency medical needs every day, rely on plasma protein therapies that are only available because of the commitment of dedicated plasma donors.

Plasma protein therapies have significantly improved the quality of life, markedly improved patient outcomes, and extended the life expectancy of men, women, and children in every community across the country. Healthy, committed donors provide the plasma essential to manufacture these lifesaving therapies, and there are now almost 1,000 plasma collection centers in the U.S. that have demonstrated their commitment to plasma donor and patient safety and quality by earning International Quality Plasma Program (IQPP) certification. I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me and rise in commemoration of International Plasma Awareness Week, honoring those committed donors and collection centers who make and collect needed and lifesaving contributions.

RECOGNIZING GENERAL GARY L. THOMAS

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor General Gary L. Thomas, United States Marine Corps, for the life of service he and his family have performed to our great nation. The theme of his distinguished career is one of achievement with highest honors throughout his 37 years in service to the United States of America.

General Thomas was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1984 after graduating from the University of Texas-Austin. In his 37 years as a Marine, General Thomas deployed in support of military operations in Bosnia, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Notably, his bravery and skillful command of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 323 in the opening days of Operation Iraqi Freedom ensured the success of follow-on combat operations in the skies and on the ground. Additionally, his masterful leadership in combat while in command of Second Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) in Afghanistan enabled coalition air forces to effectively provide fires, transport, and reconnaissance to

ground forces. In various higher headquarters staff positions, including his time as the Marine Corps' Deputy Commandant for Programs and Resources, General Thomas had a lasting impact on the Nation's military readiness, enhancing our preparedness to face challenges around the globe. We are all safer due to his diligence and faithful dedication to duty.

General Thomas' final tour in the Marine Corps is as the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps. During a tremendously challenging period for the Marine Corps, the Department of Defense, and the Nation as a whole, General Thomas provided guidance and leadership with exceptional skill and drive. His broad knowledge base and expertise, his ability to foresee the impact of policy changes on the current readiness and future health of the Marine Corps, and his camaraderie and goodwill with senior leadership throughout the Department of Defense and U.S. Congress proved to be supremely valuable in his role as the Service Vice Chief. His sound judgment and recommendations reached the highest levels of leadership in the Legislative and Executive branches of the U.S. Government. General Thomas' steady leadership during these challenging times is just one more example of the type of Marine that he is—one of our very best.

Over his years of faithful service, General Thomas has earned the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, and the Bronze Star, among other awards.

General Thomas has served our Nation for 37 years and will retire on October 15, 2021. His extraordinary professionalism has had a profound and lasting influence on generations of Marines and our entire institution. His leadership and mastery of the art and science of the profession of arms are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps. I am delighted to have this opportunity to recognize not only General Thomas, but his entire family for their incredible service to the U.S. Marine Corps and our great Nation. Their sacrifice and dedication is truly remarkable, and a testament to the caliber of patriots our country produces. I wish him and his beloved wife, Catherine, all the best as they embark on a new chapter in their lives. God bless the Thomases, God bless the United States of America, and Semper Fidelis.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed a vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 296.

DEPUTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2021 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON
SCHOOL

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Deputy Elementary School on being named a National Blue Ribbon school for 2021.

Deputy Elementary School has worked to create a challenging, safe, and rewarding environment for all students. They provide superior educational and developmental opportunities for students while having a positive impact on our surrounding community.

Deputy Elementary School is recognized by the United States Department of Education for its overall academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps among student groups, demonstrating that all students can achieve to high levels.

Congratulations to Principal Janet McCreary, students, parents and faculty on being an integral part of securing this fine honor.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF CAROLYN CLAYTON

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Carolyn Clayton who passed away Saturday, September 11 at the Baptist Memorial Hospital in New Albany. I join her family, friends, and loved ones in mourning her loss.

Carolyn was born on February 14, 1941 to Marlin and Maggie Curtis Evans. She worked at the Lee County Chancery Clerk's Office. She found joy in attending yard sales, gardening, and spending time with family.

Carolyn was the founder of the nonprofit organization, Survival Incorporated. The organization works to advocate for the victims of violent crimes across the state of Mississippi. She was awarded Victims Advocate of the Year.

Carolyn was married for 58 years to her husband, Joe, who passed away two months prior. Left to cherish her memory are her sons, Brad and Rob; grandchildren, Nikki, Kattie, Jack and Carson.

I am grateful for Mrs. Clayton's lifetime of service to the state of Mississippi.

IN RECOGNITION OF HASSAN
JABER'S OVER 40 YEARS OF
SERVICE AS PRESIDENT AND
CEO OF ACCESS

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hassan Jaber on the occa-

sion of his retirement from The Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS) after over 40 years of service to the organization. His contributions to the Arab American community in Michigan and across the country are significant and deserve to be recognized.

Mr. Jaber was born in Lebanon and immigrated to the United States in 1977. He attended Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. He worked at ACCESS for several years in various roles before ultimately serving as CEO and President. Throughout his lifetime, Mr. Jaber has sought to address the challenges facing Arab Americans. He has done this through collaborating with national foundations, think tanks, policy, civil rights, and advocacy organizations. A testament to his devotion to his heritage despite his busy schedule, he still found time to teach Arabic Language & Culture to students at the University of Michigan—Dearborn.

Based in Dearborn, Michigan—the heart of the Arab American community in the United States—ACCESS is a nonprofit that honors Arab American heritage through community-building and service. They provide medical, public health, mental health, and other support services through their Community Health and Research Center. ACCESS also aids with employment services, citizenship preparation courses, youth programs, and philanthropy related to Arab American culture and community giving. The programs that they provide help so many of our neighbors each day and truly change the lives of the people they serve. Under Mr. Jaber's leadership ACCESS has grown from simple beginnings as a group of volunteers seeking to help the Arab immigrant population adapt to American life to a vast support system for Arab Americans from all walks of life. With Mr. Jaber at the helm, they opened the very first Arab American Museum in the nation.

Those who know him know Mr. Jaber's integrity, empathy, and his endless quest for equity and justice. From my days serving on the Board at ACCESS I have personally experienced his compassion and wisdom and know how much he cares for the people of his community. He is a proud American, someone who is patriotic and is unafraid to show it. In his next role he will be as a consultant for ACCESS, focusing on national policy and advocacy and cultivating the next generation of Arab American leaders.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Hassan Jaber for four decades of service with ACCESS. His outstanding commitment to the Arab American community here in Dearborn and beyond has made all the difference. I join with Hassan's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to him in his next role. His positive impact will be felt for years to come and we are beyond grateful for his leadership.